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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-45. (New) (Canceled)

46. (New) A method of distributing software, the method comprising:

demarking files on a first handheld computer system, the demarking indicating that the demarked files are available for downloading by a second handheld computer system; automatically transferring, from the first handheld computer system to the second handheld computer system, summary information with respect to the demarked files when the first handheld computer system and the second handheld computer system are within a communication range according to a communication protocol.

47. (New) The method of claim 46, wherein the communication protocol is a wireless communication protocol.

48. The method of claim 47, wherein the wireless communication protocol includes infrared light signaling.

49. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein communications between the first handheld computer system and the second handheld computer system are direct.

50. (New) The method of claim 46, further comprising:
displaying at least a portion of the transferred summary information at the second handheld computer system;

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selecting, via a user interface, at least a subset of the demarcated files from the displayed portion of the transferred summary information at the second handheld computer system.

51. (New) The method of claim 50, wherein the selecting via the user interface further comprises touching an area of a display screen of the second handheld computer system.

52. (New) The method of claim 50, further comprising:

receiving, at the second handheld computer system, a download of the selected ones of the demarcated files from the first handheld computer system in response to the selecting via the user interface at the second handheld computer system.

53. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein at least some of the selected ones of the demarcated files are executable files to be executed at the second handheld computer system.

54. (New) The method of claim 53, wherein the executable files include one or more application files that have limited functionality or limited time of use.

55. (New) A handheld computer system comprising:

a bus;

a processor coupled to the bus;

a wireless transceiver coupled to the bus for transferring information to other computer systems; and

a memory coupled to the bus, wherein:

the handheld computer system is configured to:

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store demarked files, the demarked files being available for downloading to a second handheld computer system, and

automatically transfer, to the second handheld computer system, summary information with respect to the demarked files when the second handheld computer system is within a communication range of the handheld computer system according to a communication protocol.

56. (New) The handheld computer system of claim 55, wherein the communication protocol is a wireless communication protocol.

57. (New) The handheld computer system of claim 56, wherein the wireless communication protocol includes infrared light signaling.

58. (New) The handheld computer system of claim 56, wherein the handheld computer system is configured to communicate directly with the second handheld computer system.

59. (New) The handheld computer system of claim 55, wherein the handheld computer system is configured to download selected ones of the demarked files to the second handheld computer system in response to receiving a download request from the second handheld computer system.

60. (New) The handheld computer system of claim 59, wherein at least some of the selected ones of the demarked files are executable files to be executed at the second handheld computer system.

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61. (New) The handheld computer system of claim 60, wherein the executable files include one or more application files that have limited functionality or limited time of use.

62. (New) A handheld computer system comprising:

a bus;

a processor coupled to the bus;

a wireless transceiver coupled to the bus for transferring information to other computer systems; and

a memory coupled to the bus, wherein:

the handheld computer system is configured to:

automatically receive, from a second handheld computer system, summary information with respect to demarked files on the second handheld computer system when the handheld computer system and the second handheld computer system are within a communication range according to a communication protocol, and

display at least a portion of the received summary information.

63. (New) The handheld computer system of claim 62, wherein the communication protocol is a wireless communication protocol.

64. (New) The handheld computer system of claim 63, wherein the wireless communication protocol includes infrared light signaling.

65. (New) The handheld computer system of claim 62, wherein the handheld computer system is configured to communicate directly with the second handheld computer system.

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66. (New) The handheld computer system of claim 62, wherein the handheld computer system is configured to permit a user to select, via a user interface, at least a subset of the demarcated files from the displayed portion of the received summary information.

67. (New) The handheld computer system of claim 66, wherein the handheld computer system is configured to permit the user to select, via the user interface, by touching an area of a display screen of the handheld computer system.

68. (New) The handheld computer system of claim 66, wherein the handheld computer system is further configured to receive a download of the selected ones of the demarcated files from the second handheld computer system in response to the selecting via the user interface.

69. (New) The handheld computer system of claim 68, wherein at least some of the selected ones of the demarcated files are executable files to be executed at the second handheld computer system.

70. A handheld computer system comprising:

means for storing demarcated files available for downloading to a second handheld computer system, and

means for automatically transferring, to the second handheld computer system, summary information with respect to the demarcated files when the second handheld computer system is within a communication range of the handheld computer system according to a communication protocol.

71. (New) The handheld computer system of claim 70, wherein the communication protocol is a wireless communication protocol.

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72. (New) The handheld computer system of claim 71, wherein the wireless communication protocol includes infrared light signaling.
73. (New) The handheld computer system of claim 71, further comprising:
means for communicating directly with the second handheld computer system.
74. (New) The handheld computer system of claim 70, further comprising:
means for downloading selected ones of the demarked files to the second handheld computer system in response to receiving a download request from the second handheld computer system.
75. (New) The handheld computer system of claim 74, wherein at least some of the selected ones of the demarked files to be downloaded by the means for downloading selected ones of the demarked files are executable files to be executed at the second handheld computer system.
76. (New) The handheld computer system of claim 75, wherein executable files include one or more application files that have limited functionality or limited time of use.